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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on April 23, 2008; May 30, 2007; September 19, 2007; August 8, 2005; June 16, 2004 and June 7, 2002, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Partial European Search Report dated June 16, 2009 with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 02004948.2, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) EP 0961490 A2;
- (2) WO 00/65837 A1;
- (3) WO 00/07091 A1, and patent family member US 7103099 B1 and U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2004/0205213 A1; 2001/0024239 A1; 2002/0053075 A1; 2001/0026591 A1; and 2001/0024469 A1;

- (4) WO 99/12343 A2, and patent family member US 2002/057737 A1;
- (5) EP 0992922 A2, and patent family member US 6563517 B1; and
- (6) US 5677708 A.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the Partial European Search Report.

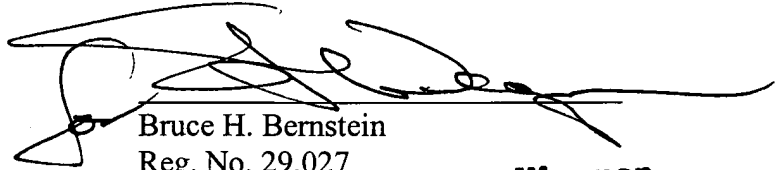
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign and international documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Partial European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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